

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

NIKKI BOLLINGER GRAE, Individually and )	Civil Action No. 3:16-cv-02267
on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, )	
Plaintiff, )	Honorable Aleta A. Trauger
vs. )	PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF )	FILE UNDER SEAL
AMERICA, et al., )	
Defendants. )	
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Pursuant to Rules 5.03 and 7.01 of the Civil Local Rules of Court (“L.R.”) and Administrative Order No. 167-1: Administrative Practices and Procedures for Electronic Case Filing §5.07, Plaintiff<sup>1</sup> hereby moves the Court for leave to file under seal unredacted versions of the Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiff’s Opposition to CoreCivic’s Motion to Determine Sufficiency of Responses to CoreCivic’s First Set of Requests for Admission and Compel Further Responses to CoreCivic’s First Set of Requests for Admission and Second Set of Interrogatories (“Motion”), as well as the Declaration of Jason A. Forge in Support of Plaintiff’s Opposition to CoreCivic’s Motion to Determine Sufficiency of Responses to CoreCivic’s First Set of Requests for Admission and Compel Further Responses to CoreCivic’s First Set of Requests for Admission and Second Set of Interrogatories and the exhibits thereto (“Forge Declaration”), which are being filed contemporaneously herewith as “Sealed Documents.”<sup>2</sup>

Under the Revised Stipulation and Protective Order (ECF No. 86) (“Protective Order”), Plaintiff is required to “file[] under seal, redacted, or protected from public disclosure” any document that it submits to the Court and that reflects “Confidential Discovery Material.” Protective Order, ¶12. The Motion and Forge Declaration contain information produced by Defendants in discovery and designated “Confidential.”

Plaintiff does not believe grounds exist to overcome the strong presumption in favor of openness as to court records. *See Shane Grp., Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mich.*, 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir. 2016) (“Unlike information merely exchanged between the parties, [t]he public

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<sup>1</sup> “Plaintiff” is Lead Plaintiff and Class Representative Amalgamated Bank, as Trustee for the LongView Collective Investment Fund. “Defendants” are Corrections Corporation of America (“CCA”) and certain of its executives. Following the filing of this action, Defendants rebranded CCA and now refer to it as CoreCivic.

<sup>2</sup> The Forge Declaration attaches documents that Defendants have designated as “Confidential,” Plaintiff respectfully submits that filing a redacted version of the Forge Declaration is impracticable.

has a strong interest in obtaining the information contained in the court record.”) (quoting *Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v. F.T.C.*, 710 F.2d 1165, 1180 (6th Cir. 1983) (alteration in original)).

In any case, while the Court should allow the documents to be filed under seal pursuant to L.R. 5.03, because Defendants are “the party who designated the materials as confidential or otherwise seeks to restrict access to the materials,” the burden is on Defendants to demonstrate “compelling reasons to seal the documents and that the sealing is narrowly tailored to those reasons by specifically analyzing in detail, document by document, the propriety of secrecy, providing factual support and legal citations,” in order for the documents to remain under seal. L.R. 5.03(a)-(b).

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